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For: **METHOD FOR ASSESSING FOOD PALATABILITY AND PREFERENCE IN
ANIMALS USING A COGNITIVE PALATABILITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL**

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or

(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114, whichever occurs last)

under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:

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_____ a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or (After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)

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- to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to an individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant(s) submit herewith sixteen Non-Patent Literature documents and two Form PTO/SB/08B Information Disclosure Statements of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the patentability of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

Applicant submits that the above reference(s) taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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